

the skill and desire to achieve their dreams. Sheila welcomes parents as collaborative partners seeking to educate their children's young minds and hearts. Together with her dedicated staff, she will continue to strive to prepare all students for college readiness, as digital learners, to compete in a global society.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sheila A. Durant.

**BOB BALGENORTH, STATE BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA SPIRIT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2011*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very dedicated, committed leader of the labor movement in our state who deserves to be recognized for his many achievements and contributions to organized labor.

Since being awarded the title of "Apprentice of the Year" by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 441 in 1969, Bob Balgenorth has dedicated his life to protecting the rights of workers in California's construction industry.

After being elected business manager/financial secretary of his local union and head of the Orange County Building Trades Council, Balgenorth has spent the past 18 years as president of the State Building & Construction Trades Council of California, which represents the 186 private-sector building trades local unions and regional councils that represent 350,000 men and women employed in the state's construction industry.

As president of the council, President Balgenorth has helped forge a partnership between two historically opposed movements: the construction industry and environmentalists. While advocating on behalf of construction workers throughout the state, he's also served on the boards of environmental organizations such as the California Apollo Alliance, California Unions for Reliable Energy, the California League of Conservation Voters, and the California Foundation on the Environment and the Economy.

With leaders such as President Balgenorth pressing to develop relationships with non-traditional allies, the Labor Movement is positioned to build a broad coalition of support for workers rights.

It gives me a great honor Mr. Speaker, because of President Balgenorth's career-long commitment to building solidarity between interests which have traditionally been opposed, I join with the Executive Board of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council in honoring him with the 2010-2011, "Spirit of Solidarity Award."

**TRIBUTE TO BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR**

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2011*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me

in honoring Bert Randolph Sugar for his contributions to the boxing profession, as well as for his support of youth in the District of Columbia at Kids In Trouble, Inc. By serving as a member on the Board of Directors of Kids In Trouble, Inc., Mr. Sugar, a native Washingtonian, a graduate of District of Columbia Public Schools, and a boxing historian, has provided our youth with special inspiration by his achievements. His induction into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 2005 speaks to his special talents, and makes all D.C. residents, particularly our children at Kids In Trouble, Inc., proud.

Throughout his career, Bert Randolph Sugar has honed his skills as a boxing analyst, making frequent appearances on HBO's pay-per-view boxing broadcasts and ESPN. He has published dozens of books and articles, and has served as an editor of *Boxing Illustrated* and of *Ring Magazine*.

Over the years, Kids In Trouble, Inc. has grown to serve thousands of D.C. youth, especially in the Brightwood neighborhood in Northwest D.C. Bert Randolph Sugar has contributed to our youth at Kids In Trouble, Inc. over several decades, and was honored with the Kids In Trouble, Inc. 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award at the 40th Anniversary Toy Drive for needy children in D.C.

I applaud the contributions Bert Randolph Sugar has made to Kids In Trouble, Inc. to help improve the lives of minority and under-represented youth residing in the District of Columbia. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Bert Randolph Sugar for his contributions to Kids In Trouble, Inc., his commitment to youth in the District of Columbia, and particularly for a lifetime of achievements.

**A TRIBUTE TO SALEMA DAWSON-MARBURY**

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Salema Dawson-Marbury.

Salema grew up in the Hollis neighborhood of Queens, New York. She attended Jamaica High School and went on to attain several educational degrees: a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics, from Stony Brook University; a Master of Science degree in Secondary School Math Education, from Lehman College; and a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration, from City College. Salema is married to Done E. Marbury, Jr.; has two step-sons, Duwan A. Marbury and Done E. Marbury, III; and a step-grandson, O'mari M. Marbury.

Salema is the Principal of the P.S. 329 in Coney Island, Brooklyn. She began her educational career in 1988, as an intermediate school teacher at two schools: I.S. 1116, in the South Bronx; and the Mark Twain Intermediate School for the Gifted and Talented, in Coney Island, Brooklyn. Although her first passion is teaching math, she became known for developing programs to improve student self-esteem, academic prowess and leadership.

Early in her career, Salema realized that most children dream of becoming rich and fa-

mous in the same manner as their favorite sports, television and movie stars. She knew this dream would not be a reality for most students. Salema felt that what children really desired was acknowledgement for their accomplishments and the opportunity to achieve economic power in the process. She became determined to provide students with the direction they needed to achieve recognition and economic success. Salema began her tenure at P.S. 329 in 1995, as a teacher in charge of attendance improvement. She was later appointed to Assistant Principal in 1998 and, in 2008, she became the Principal. She is heavily involved in the school community. She established several of the schools seminal programs, including the school's Young Entrepreneurship Program and the school's Performing Arts Program. She also writes, co-produces and co-directs the school's annual drama and dance productions.

Salema believes that all children possess a unique talent. She encourages her students to, "never surrender their dreams," and strives to ensure they acquire the needed confidence for achieving their maximum potential. Salema is proud of her and her staff's work. Today, P.S. 139 is commonly referred to as, "Coney Islands Best Kept Secret."

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Salema Dawson-Marbury.

**THE TAX FREE TIPS ACT**

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2011*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to help millions of working Americans by introducing the Tax Free Tip Act. As the title suggests, this legislation exempts tips from federal income and payroll taxes. Tips often compose a substantial portion of the earnings of waiters, waitresses, and other service-sector employees. However, unlike regular wages, a service-sector employee usually has no guarantee of, or legal right to, a tip. Instead, the amount of a tip usually depends on how well an employee satisfies a client. Since the amount of taxes one pays increases along with the size of the tip, taxing tips punishes workers for doing a superior job!

Many service-sector employers are young people trying to make money to pay for their education, or single parents struggling to provide for their children. Oftentimes, these workers work two jobs in hopes of making a better life for themselves and their families. The Tax Free Tips Act gives these hard-working Americans an immediate pay raise. People may use this pay raise to devote more resources to their children's, or their own, education, or to save for a home, retirement, or to start their own businesses.

Helping Americans improve themselves by reducing their taxes will make our country stronger. I therefore hope all my colleagues will join me in cosponsoring the Tax Free Tips Act.